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PART 1. -- GENERAL

PART 2. -- PERSONNEL

201. MAINTENANCE OF DD FORM 214 FOR VERIFICATION OF PRIOR SERVICE IN SUPPORT OF RECRUITING EFFORTS.--Information has been received which indicates that the inordinate amount of time currently required to verify prior service and reenlistment eligibility of prior service applicants is adversely impacting on recruiting efforts. It is further aggravated, for recently separated prior service members, since it takes up to six months for their records to reach the records depositories. Transfer Points or other activities which perform final separation out-processing will maintain an Active Army copy of each separatee's DD Form 214 for a period of 180 days following individual's separation. Any prospective applicant who claims prior US Army service, and has been separated within the past 180 days, but does not possess a copy of their DD Form 214, the verification of prior service, RE-Code, and PMO Test Scores may be obtained by contacting the RRO at this office who in turn will contact the applicable ARNG Career Counselor at the various Transfer Points, and after obtaining required data will furnish the recruiter concerned with written evidence of the information received.

202. EMERGENCY REPORTING.--a. When accidents or incidents occur which involve National Guard personnel or facilities, they will be reported to the Staff Duty Officer during non work hours and non work days and during duty hours on duty days to the MSCA Section. The telephone number 449-2744 is applicable in either case.

b. As a guide, any of the following incident/accidents will be reported without delay:

(1) Any Civil emergency (e.g. Civil Disturbance, natural disaster or search and rescue effort).

(2) Any Aircraft accident/incident.

(3) Any bomb threat, actual or hoax, involving National Guard Facility.

(4) Any fire or other Natural disaster affecting a National Guard Facility.

(5) Any suspected theft, loss, missappropriation or mismanagement of Montana National Guard assets.

(6) Any forcible entry or attempted forcible entry with or without loss.

(7) Any training accident or other accident which requires treatment of a National Guardsman or could involve other persons.

(8) Any vehicular accident/incident involving Montana National Guardsmen during duty performance or while enroute to and from duty which results in damage to vehicle(s).

(9) Any actual or alleged misconduct or criminal act involving any MT National Guardsmen during the performance of official duties or while enroute to and from duty which could result in adverse publicity or embarrassment.

(10) Reports received during non duty hours and non work days will be reported to the MSCA Section telephone 449-2744 or Chief of Staff expeditiously as well as entering the information in the SDO Journal.

203. COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT OF ANNUITIES FOR RETIREES.

1. The U. S. Civil Service Commission has announced a cost-of-living annuity increase effective 1 March 1977. The amount of the annuity increase, based on the Consumer Price Index, is 4.8 percent.

2. This increase applies to employees who retire before 1 March 1977. However, Public Law 93-136, approved 24 October 1973, provides that an annuity commencing on or after 1 March 1977, but before the effective date of any subsequent increase, will be no less than the annuity computed on length of service and earnings as of 28 February 1977, plus the 4.8 percent increase. Public Law 93-136 requires a comparative annuity computation to determine which amount will be of greater benefit to the employee. (Sep 76 COL increase was 4.7%.)

3. This information should be given widest possible dissemination so that technicians considering retirement are aware of the cost-of-living annuity increase, the effective date, and the comparative computation provisions of Public Law 93-136. A Civil Service Commission Bulletin on this subject should be received shortly through normal distribution channels. Pending receipt of this CSC Bulletin, reference may be made to CSC Bulletin 831-65 dated 9 February 1976, for information on comparative annuity computations.

204. TECHNICIAN VACANCIES.--The following technician vacancies are announced in the Montana Army National Guard. Refer to Technician Vacancy Announcement posted on unit bulletin boards for details.

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Admin Supply Tech	Billings MT	GS-05
Command Admin Asst	Bozeman MT	GS-11
Accounts Maint Clerk	Helena MT	GS-05
Admin Supply Tech	Billings MT	GS-06

PART 3. OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

301. APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL TRAINING NGB FORM 64.

1. Applicants for School training must meet all the prerequisites required by DA Pam 351-4 or have an appropriate request for waiver attached.

2. Applications for FLIGHT training must be submitted through channels to commander of AASF, who will review and forward to NG-POT-S or return application, as appropriate.

302. WEAPONS TRAINING FOR FEMALE SOLDIERS.

1. Currently, FORSCOM policy states that female soldiers (excluding conscientious objectors) who entered the service on or after 1 July 1975, and who are assigned to Category II and III (TOE/MTOE) units will participate in all unit weapons training programs, less hand grenade training, with weapons/ordnance authorized the command on the same basis as male soldiers assigned to those units. This policy includes the following weapons: The LAW (M72), M-16 rifle (M203), 40mm grenade launcher, Claymore mine and machine gun (M60). The option to conduct specific weapons training is a command prerogative/decision.

2. Female soldiers, excluding conscientious objectors, who entered the service before 1 July 1975, will continue to participate in individual and unit weapons training on a voluntary basis. Prior to reenlistment, however, these soldiers must participate in Basic Rifle Marksmanship Training as required by ARs 601-280, 140-111 and NGR 600-200 and unit weapons training programs as required by the appropriate commander.

3. The presentation of hand grenade training to female soldiers is not considered prudent at this time pending the completion and analysis early in CY 77 of ongoing and scheduled field tests conducted by TRADOC.

4. This policy in no way alters the Army's position that women will not serve in Category I units or in MOS not available for WAC personnel prescribed in AR 611-201. It acknowledges that vulnerability of combat support/service support units/personnel to combat situations and is intended to complement unit readiness.

5. An area inherent but not specifically addressed in the current policy is female soldier augmentation of Category I units in the ARNG. Such personnel are not exempt from weapons training and must undergo training as outlined in the policy letter for female soldiers assigned to Category II and III units. To reiterate, Guardswomen augmenting Category I ARNG units will conduct weapons training in accordance with the category of the unit to which assigned (either Category II or III) not in accordance with the Category I units to which they are augmenting.

6. Preliminary analysis of the TRADOC field tests indicate that female soldiers/Guardswomen can and will be required to qualify during BCT/IADT on the weapons listed in paragraph 1 above and participate in hand grenade training.

303. CONSOLIDATION OF TRADOC SCHOOL CORRESPONDENCE COURSE PROGRAMS.--A message from the National Guard Bureau dated 27 Jan 77 pertaining to Consolidation of TRADOC School Correspondence Course Programs states the following:

a. The consolidation of administration of TRADOC School Correspondence Programs under the US Army Training Support Center (USATSC) at Ft Eustis will continue with the transfer of the second increment of schools on 1 Feb 77. At this time, the responsibility for the administration of correspondence course programs of the US Army Air Defense School, US Army Missile and Munitions Center and School and Army Chaplain School will be transferred to the US Army Training Support Center. Responsibility for administration of the Transportation School Correspondence Course Program was assumed by the US Army Training Support Center on 1 Nov 76.

b. The transfer dates for all schools subject to the consolidation are as follows:

- 1 Nov 76 Transportation School
- 1 Feb 77 Air Defense School
 - Missile & Munitions Center & School
 - Chaplain School
- 1 Mar 77 Engineer School
- 1 Apr 77 Armor School
 - Intelligence Center & School
- 1 Jun 77 Aviation School
 - Field Artillery School
 - Institute of Military Assistance
- 1 Jul 77 Quartermaster School
- 1 Aug 77 Signal School
 - Ordnance Center & School
- 1 Sep 77 Institute of Administration
 - Military Police School
- 15 Sep 77 Infantry School

c. After 1 Feb 77, all applications for enrollment in the US Army Air Defense School, US Army Missile and Munitions Center and School and US Army Chaplain School Courses or Subcourses and all communications and inquiries in connection with student administration thereof should be addressed to:

Army Correspondence Course Program (ACCP)
US Army Training Support Center
Newport News, VA 23628

All correspondence that will arrive prior to 1 Feb 77 should continue to be sent to the present address of the respective school.

304. RESERVE COMPONENT SQT'S.--a. Skill Qualification testing for the Reserve Components will begin in April 1978 for record purposes. During the October-December 1976 system test, several RC units have been granted authority to conduct testing for familiarization and training feedback.

b. Some RC soldiers will take the SQT during the April-June 1977 test period, but this will be for the purpose of checking the validity of the tests in the RC environment, not for personnel management purposes. Army Readiness Region will validate MOS11D, SQT 2, 3 & 4.

c. RC soldiers should not misunderstand reports that their SQTs have been "delayed" by one year. RC soldiers will receive their Soldier's Manuals and SQT Notices at about the same time as Active soldiers; but because they have less time each month to train, Guardsmen and Reservists will have about 12 months longer to prepare for their SQTs. So get the SMs and SQT Notices out and encourage your soldiers to use them; don't wait for that year to go by before getting with the program. (DCSO&I)

305. M16 RIFLE COURSES FOR MT ARNG.

1. FM 23-9, M16A1 Rifle and Rifle Marksmanship, Jun 74, superseded FM 23-71, Rifle Marksmanship, Dec 66. Appendix D of FM 23-71 contained in premobilization readiness proficiency "C" course prescribed for use by NG units; this guidance was omitted inadvertently from FM 23-9.

2. Courses of fire in Appendix D of FM 23-71 are still appropriate for use by National Guard personnel; therefore, FM 23-71 should be retained in the unit library until further notice.

306. VALIDITY PERIOD FOR ARMY CLASSIFICATION BATTERY (ACB) TESTS.

1. Letter NGB-ARP-E 16 Mar 76 subject ARNG Test Policies.

a. Reference 1 outlined validity periods of two years for ASVAB Tests which are given at high schools or AFES stations.

b. Effective immediately, ACB scores are valid for enlistment purposes for two years from date of test administration.

307. Following is TWX from NGB. INITIAL ENTRY - OFFICER ROTARY WING AVIATOR COURSE, 2C-15A/2C-100B-B (PHASE 1 AND 2)

1. The National Guard Bureau has been allocated a limited number of quotas for the Officer/Warrant Officer Rotary Wing Aviator Course, 2C-15A/2C-100B-B (Phase 1 and 2), to be conducted at the US Army Aviation Center, Ft Rucker, AL.

2. The Warrant Officer Candidate Rotary Wing Aviator Course, 2C-100B-B/2C-100B-C (Phase 1 and 2) should become available to the Army National Guard in the very near future.

3. Individuals being considered for course attendance should be thoroughly screened to insure that applicant meets all prerequisites for the course.

4. Application for School Training, NGB Form 64, accompanied by required documents, should be submitted as soon as possible through channels to the Army National Guard Schools Branch, ARNG Operating Activity Center, Bldg E4430, Edgewood Area, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010.

PART 4. -- SUPPLY

401. US GOVERNMENT NATIONAL CREDIT CARD (SF-149).--The US Government National Credit Card (SF-149) is no longer accepted by the following service stations:

SHELL

ARCO (ATLANTIC RICHFIELD)

PHILLIPS 66

Use of Credit Cards will have to be at other stations listed in Vehicle Operators Guide. It is requested that this information be brought to the attention of all potential users of the US Government Credit Card (SF-149).

PART 5. -- FISCAL AND TRANSPORTATION

501. UNIT MORALE SUPPORT FUNDS.--Each unit will, prior to attendance at Annual Training 1977, convert its unit morale support funds to petty cash in accordance with AR 230-1, AR 230-21, NGR 230-21 and AGO Regulation 230-1 dated 21 Aug 74. All checking accounts will be closed out. Existing funds will be expended no later than the last day of Annual Training 1977.

PART 6. -- MAINTENANCE

601. M151 SERIES ESC INSPECTION FOR DIFFERENTIAL MOUNTING BRACKETS.

1. Some confusion in the field has been brought to the attention of the NGB concerning the ESC rating for those having cracked and/or defective differential support brackets. TM 9-2320-218-ESC will be followed except for the following changes:

a. Green Rating: No obvious cracks or broken welds.

b. Amber Rating: Cracks found to be greater than 1/4 but less than 1 inch in any location other than the bottom seating pad of bracket. A maximum of three (3) missing or inadequately fused spot welds securing bracket to the vehicle frame rail.

c. Red Rating: Any cracks in the bottom seating pad of bracket that cannot be repaired by welding; mounting bolt pulling through bracket; complete bracket separation from frame rail.

2. The following applies to the M151 series that are not covered under warranty:

Vehicles rated amber as described above should be repaired, if feasible, by welding in accordance with TM 9-2320-219-34 dtd Jan 72, chapter 17, and TM 9-237. If repair of the bracket is not considered feasible or the vehicle is rated red, a replacement bracket should be requisitioned

using normal MILSTRIP procedure citing NSN 2520-01-005-5238 in card columns 8-2, (Army Rqn Only), code 2F in card column 65-66 pending broadcast of this NSN, appropriate fund and signal codes for the requisitioning unit.

602. PREPARATION OF DIESEL FUEL SYSTEMS FOR OPERATION DURING COLD WEATHER TO INCLUDE ADDING INHIBITORS.

1. Diesel engines are particularly difficult to start in cold weather. For a satisfactory start, the engine fuel must be sufficiently volatile to produce a combustible mixture when mixed with air. Regular grade motor fuel normally used in diesel engines does not provide sufficient vaporized fuel for starting engines when the minimum temperature is at or below 0°F. To alleviate some of the problem preparation for winter or cold weather operation requires draining of the fuel system and refilling it with artic-grade fuel. Even then some fuels used, contain waxes that congeal at or below this same temperature. In addition, water will accumulate in tanks, drums, containers, fuel pumps and carburetors, because of condensation of water from the air. At low temperatures, this water will form ice crystals that will clog fuel lines, fuel filters, fuel pumps, injector nozzles and carburetor jets.

2. To alleviate most of the conditions stated above, you should add fuel systems icing inhibitor (ethylene glycol mono-methyl ether) to diesel fuel. The additives should be mixed with the fuel at a ratio of one pint of additive to 40 gallons of fuel at the time of refueling.

3. TM 9-207 (operation and maintenance of ordnance material in cold weather: shows the inhibitor available in 5 gallon cans and 55 gallon drums. The stock number for the 5 gallon container is not valid. Therefore, CSMS will order a 55 gallon drum and make the inhibitor available to all OMS shops in 5 gallon increments, if you furnish the container.

4. Denatured alcohol for use in gasoline fuels (do not use in diesel fuel) is available from the USPFO in 5 gallon cans Fed. stock number 6810-00-201-0907.

5. Complete instructions for operation and maintenance of ordnance material in cold weather (0° to 65°F) is detailed in TM 9-207 with changes.

603. FIRE CONTROL ITEMS. Reorganization action within US Army Materiel Development and Readiness Command (DARCOM) has transferred all maintenance engineering functions for fire control items from Frankfort Arsenal to Headquarters, Armament Command. Effective immediately, field inquiries, reports and correspondence related to fire control items are to be addressed to:

Commander
U. S. Army Armament Command
ATTN: DRSAR-MA
Rock Island, IL 61201

PART 7. -- SAFETY

701. COMMANDERS CUPOLA M60 AND M60A1 TANK.

1. A recent report from the NGB, indicated that a cupola fell from a moving M60 tank, injuring the tank commander and gunner. Investigation revealed that none of the required 12 each screws securing the cupola to the tank were in place.

2. To preclude future incidents, the following will be accomplished:

a. Maintenance personnel will inspect cupolas on all M60/M60A1 tanks to insure mounting screws are in place and secure. TM 9-2350-215-20, table 2-12, sequence number 65 and figure 2-394A requires cupola screws be torqued to between 270-300 foot pounds except the screw to the right of the range finder ICS knob, which is tightened with a socket head screw key.

b. Commanders at all echelons will insure that when quarterly services are being performed that tables 2-3 thru 2-15, TM 9-2350-215-20 are being followed.

PART 8. -- FACILITIES AND SECURITY

801. SECURITY OF COMMERCIAL (TMP) VEHICLES.

1. Security of all types of vehicles will be an item of special interest during A.G.I. The following information concerning security of commercial (TMP) vehicles is furnished for your guidance and compliance:

a. After duty hours - home station.

(1) Parking commercial vehicles in front of Armories, in public parking lots, alley ways, home of residence, or any other similar unprotected location is prohibited. Current policy is to store commercial vehicles in the OMS compound when collocated or in any other suitable secure area or building.

(2) Personnel in a travel status (TDY) away from home station, must take whatever action is appropriate and/or applicable, to provide the best possible security for their assigned vehicles.



PART 9. -- UNOFFICIAL

901. PHYSICALS.--Det 1 Hq Trp will not be giving physicals on 5 March.

902. FEDERAL RECOGNITION.--The following officers received Federal recognition.

BURNELL, DONALD C. CPT 103d Pub Info Det	10 Sep 76
BENSON, THEODORE J. MAJ HHT 163d AC	1 Nov 76
CAMPBELL, KEVIN T. CW3 Trp N 163d AC	16 Jul 76
FOLEY, GORDON D. MAJ HHT 163d AC	4 Nov 76
BARNEY, DAVID E. CPT Trp N 163d AC	4 Nov 76
LINDSTROM, PAUL H. 2LT Trp C 1/163d AC	4 Nov 76
NORDQUIST, JACK I. CPT HHT 163d AC	1 Nov 76
WOLF, ROBERT C. MAJ HHT 163d AC	1 Nov 76
HANLEY, EDWARD J. MAJ HHT 163d AC	3 Nov 76
HANSEN, CHRISTIAN A. CW3 HHT 1/163d AC	16 Nov 76

903. MT ARNG STRENGTH AS OF 31 JAN 77.

	<u>AUTHORIZED</u>				<u>ASSIGNED</u>			
<u>UNIT AND LOCATION</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>AGGR</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>AGGR</u>
St Hq & Hq Det	43	9	39	91	44	9	55	108
Hq Trp 163d AC	28	3	125	154	26	2	95	123
Trp N(Air)	14	22	89	125	13	23	75	111
Det 1, Trp N	2	9	49	60	3	6	47	56
3669th Hv Eq Mt	7	8	107	122	7	8	124	139
103d PT Det	4	-	9	13	3	-	15	18
Det 1 HHT 163d AC	5	18	69	92	11	12	57	80
1049th Engr (FFTG)	1	-	23	24	1	-	16	17
HHT(-) 1/163d AC	15	9	137	161	14	8	101	123
Det 1 HHT	2	-	50	52	2	-	51	53
Trp A(-)	3	-	77	80	3	-	41	44
Det 1 Trp A	2	-	69	71	2	-	39	41
Trp B(-)	3	-	77	80	3	-	49	52
Det 1 Trp B	2	-	69	71	1	-	43	44
Trp C(-)	3	-	77	80	3	-	37	40
Det 1 Trp C	2	-	69	71	2	-	67	69
Co D 1/163d AC	3	-	94	99	4	-	45	49
How Btry(-)	5	-	47	53	1	-	35	36
Det 1 How Btry	6	-	64	66	1	-	56	57
HHT(-) 2/163d AC	15	9	137	161	17	7	112	136
Det 1 HHT	2	-	50	52	2	-	37	39
Trp E(-)	3	-	77	80	2	-	50	52
Det 1 Trp E	2	-	69	71	2	-	57	59
Trp F(-)	3	-	77	80	3	-	56	59
Det 1 Trp F	2	-	69	71	2	-	68	70
Trp G(-)	3	-	77	80	3	-	47	50
Det 1 Trp G	2	-	69	71	2	-	63	65
Co H 2/163d AC	5	-	94	99	5	-	64	69
How Btry	8	-	111	119	5	-	101	106
Co C(-) 5th SF Bn	9	-	57	66	11	-	53	64
Det 1 Co C 5th SF Bn	5	-	25	30	5	-	24	29
HHD 6th SF Bn	7	-	11	18	8	-	11	19
	215	87	2,261	2,563	211	75	1,789	2,075

